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Editorial

A NEW DEPARTMENT

A department of questions and answers has been suggested to the editors several times. Whether such a department will meet a real need we do not know, but we shall be glad to try the experiment. We therefore announce that the department will appear at once if suitable questions are sent in. It is hardly necessary to say that the editors will not attempt to answer all questions from their own knowledge: they will attempt to refer to competent authorities such as need the specialists' knowledge. Nor is it to be expected that all questions will be answered in the *Journal*; the editors must feel free to decide whether a question and answer will interest only an individual or may interest others. For obvious reasons questions as to the choice of specific textbooks can never be answered.

For the present the new department, if it is wanted, will be in charge of Professor A. T. Walker, the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, to whom all questions should be sent.

A NEGLECTED ART

Why is it that the average college Freshman is unable to translate an ordinary paragraph of Livy or of Plato's *Apology* without his "trot"? That he is unable will speedily become evident to any instructor who will, in the classroom, test his students on a piece of new Latin or Greek, giving them the use of their grammars and lexicons, and allowing ample time to write their translation. He will find that not only are most of these men wholly unable to